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SUBJECT: TURKISH REACTION TO US POSITION ON TURKISH DCA

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1. SYG LUNS TOLD THE AMBASSADOR MAY 3 THAT TURKISH PERM-REP KIRCA HAD CALLED ON LUNS AND DESCRIBED IN EMOTIONAL TERMS TURKEY'S REACTION TO THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE US ADMINISTRATION WITH REGARD TO PURSUING WITH CONGRESS THE TURKISH-US DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT. KIRCA DID NOT MENTION F-4S, BUT COMMENTED TO LUNS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO INCREASE THE FMS CEILING TO SECRET

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\$175 MILLION DID NOT REPRESENT VALUABLE NEW ASSISTANCE TO ANKARA.

2. KIRCA TOLD LUNS THAT, AS A RIPOSTE TO THE US APPROACH TO SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR TURKEY, ANKARA HAD CONSIDERED ISSUING PUBLICLY THE TEXT OF KIRCA'S APRIL 25 STATEMENT TO NATO'S DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE (DPC) ON GREECE-NATO

RELATIONS (REFS C AND D). ANKARA EVENTUALLY DECIDED, HOWEVER, ONLY TO MAKE AVAILABLE PORTIONS OF THE TURKISH STATEMENT TO THE TURKISH PRESS RATHER THAN RELEASE THE ENTIRE TEXT.

3. COMMENT: THIS WORD FROM LUNS FOLLOWS CLOSELY ON THE HEELS OF, AND CONTRADICTS, AN EARLIER TURKISH VIEW CONFIDED TO US APRIL 29 BY A TURKISH DELEGATION OFFICER TO THE EFFECT THAT TURKEY DID NOT PLAN A PUBLIC RELEASE OF THE TURKISH STATEMENT TO THE DPC AND THAT TURKISH MISSION HAS DENIED IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES THAT TURKEY HAD MADE ANY STATEMENT AT NATO CRITICIZING GREECE. END COMMENT. BENNETT

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